

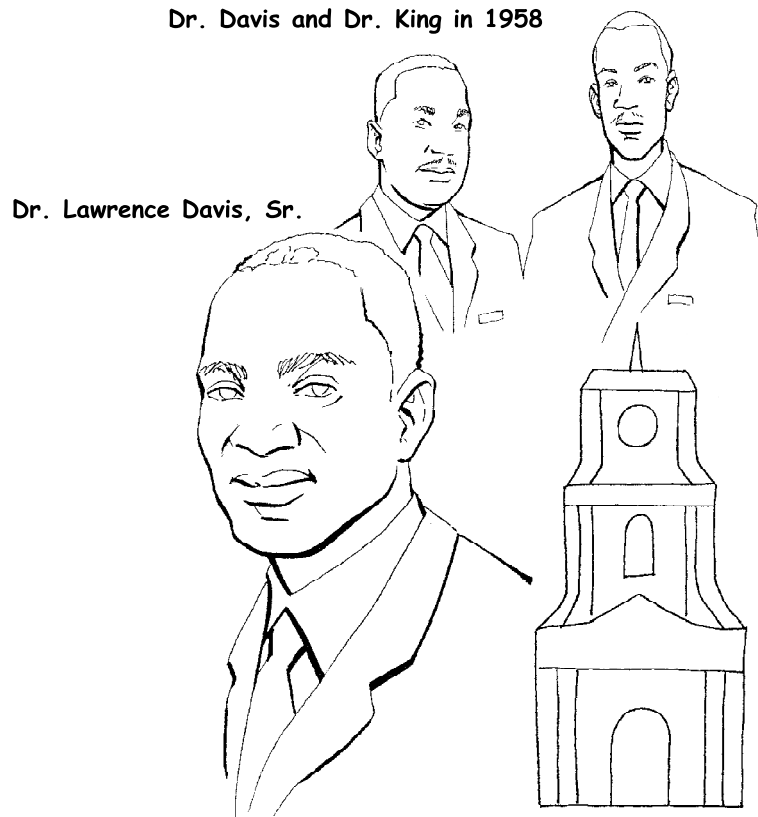


Janis Kearney

Janis Kearney was born in Gould, Arkansas, one of 18 children. After buying the *Arkansas State Press* newspaper from Daisy Bates in 1987, she published it for five years in Little Rock before joining the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1992. Later she served in several positions for President Clinton and became the first presidential diarist in U.S. history in 1995. She recently wrote *Cotton Field of Dreams: A Memoir* in which she shares about her many brothers and sisters who entered and graduated from such colleges as Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Yale Law School, Brown University and other exceptional schools, her parents, and her life in the Arkansas Delta.



Dr. Davis and Dr. King in 1958



Dr. Lawrence Davis, Sr.

Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Sr. was the second president of Arkansas AM&N College and the first chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). Davis, a native of McCrory, was 29 when he became president of Arkansas AM&N, making him the youngest college president in the United States. During his 30 years of leadership, the institution grew tremendously. In 1958, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave the commencement address at the college. Dr. Davis believed that everyone had the right to a college education and helped many students to further their education. His son, Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., now serves as the current chancellor of UAPB.

